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Arlington County Civic Federation

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 1996, 7:45 p.m.

Place: John T. Hazel Conference Center, Arlington Hospital
(1701 N. George Mason Dr.)

Program: Report by Virginia State Legislators
Further Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Changes

State Legislators to Report on Recent Session in Richmond

The 1996 General Assembly sessions were busy and, so we've heard, both bumpy and bristly at times. What new bills have been enacted? How did the Arlington contingent's efforts fare? How did they vote on the issues? How did items in the Federation's Legislative Package do?

Federation delegates will have an opportunity to get a first-hand report at our April 2 meeting from three of our representatives to the Assembly, **Delegate Judy Connolly, Senator Patsy Ticer, and Senator Janet Howell**. After brief presentations by each of the legislators, we'll have ample time for questions from the floor. *(This segment of the program is scheduled to end by 9:30 p.m.)*

Arlington Community Television (Channel 33) will videotape the evening's proceedings for later cablecast.

This annual report by our state legislators is always interesting and highly informative. Be sure your organization has delegates in attendance to report back to your members!

Zoning Ordinance Changes

At our February 6 meeting, we heard from County Staff about zoning ordinance changes that are currently being considered. After the presentation, Chairman Bill Gearhart of the ACCF Planning and Zoning Committee, offered a three-part resolution addressing the proposed changes.

After debate, the delegates voted to accept the first part of the resolution, endorsing the proposed technical changes regarding accessory structures and side yards and concerning street setback requirements and air conditioning placement.

Two additional parts of the resolution, one concerning a *unified residential development* subsection and a second concerning changes allowing narrower street widths in new cul-de-sacs, were postponed until this meeting to allow delegates additional time for study and consultation with their organizations. *(Time allowance for final consideration of this issue: 30 minutes.)*

Spring is here, but we'll remind you, just in case: If there's inclement weather on the night of our meeting, phone 522-1506 or 528-2882 for information regarding meeting status.

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At our March meeting. . .

After laboring long and hard and considering a number of amendments (some passing or failing by only razor-thin margins), the delegates adopted a resolution recommending a FY97 County General Fund budget balanced at \$441.5 million, with net program reductions of \$7 million below the County Manager's proposed budget. The Federation's recommendation calls for no increase in real estate and personal property taxes and an increase of at least \$200,000 in user fees.

The resolution also recommends that \$148.4 million be transferred to the school system's operating fund, a figure \$400,000 more than the County Board's guidelines but \$700,000 less than requested by the School Board.

The balance at \$441.5 million includes a (COLA) of \$4.2 million for county and school employees.

The resolution additionally recommends that implemented policies for cost-savings be applied more aggressively by the county to increase efficiency and productivity of the county work force.

Ed McWethy, Chairman of ACCF's Revenue & Expenditures Committee, and Royce Lowry, Chairman of the Schools Committee, presented their Committees' joint resolution to the body.

Also at the March meeting, the delegates adopted a resolution recommending that the County Board use the VISION 2020 Report on long-range planning for informational purposes considering the needs for capital investment, but recommending that it not be used for specific planning purposes and that the Board not endorse program expansion in lieu of normal process for policy, budget and public review.

Gala 80th Anniversary Banquet to be Held Next Month!

- ♦ **Date:** May 11, 1996
- ♦ **Place:** The beautiful **Koran Room** of the **Fort Myer Officers Club**.
- ♦ **Time:** 6:30 p.m.(cash bar); 7:30 p.m. (dinner)
- ♦ **Speaker:** Edward M. Holland,
Former Virginia State Senator
- ♦ **Price:** \$30 per person
- ♦ **Proclamations!** Hear honors bestowed to the Federation from Arlington County, from the State of Virginia and from the United States!
- ♦ **Special U.S. Postal Cancellations!** The USPS has approved an 80th anniversary commemorative cancellation stamp. Postal personnel will be at the banquet to hand-cancel your stamped envelopes -- a wonderful collectible for you and your friends!

~ Plan now to attend this special, gala event to celebrate the Federation's 80th year as the Civic Voice of Arlington! Invitations will be mailed early this month, with opportunities for reserving group tables and for personal, organizational, and business sponsorships for this historical event! ~

Next meeting: May 7, 1996

Program: Report from Capitol Hill
(U.S. Rep. James Moran and Sen.Charles Robb)

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